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FOR: <u>IMPROVED METHOD FOR</u> <u>BISULFITE TREATMENT</u>) Attorney Docket: 22307-US

RESPONSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 6, 2007, Applicants elect for further prosecution without traverse and solely to facilitate prosecution Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a method for the conversion of a cytosine base in a nucleic acid to uracil base.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute all other groups in either a continuation or divisional application.

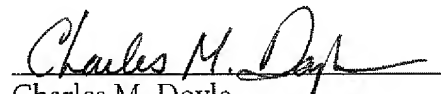
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